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SUBJ: EDGAR FAURE AND DUTCH FONMIN VISIT LISBON

REF: THE HAGUE 2504 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: SIMULTANEOUS VISITS BY EDGAR FAURE AND DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER GIVEN PROMINENT COVERAGE IN LISBON PRESS. PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF BOTH EMPHASIZE PORTUGAL'S PROSPECTIVE EUROPEAN CONNECTION. END SUMMARY.

1. FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT EDGAR FAURE ON JUNE 4 CONCLUDED 4-DAY VISIT WHICH INCLUDED CALL ON PRESIDENT SPINOLA. HIS ANSWERS TO PRESS QUESTIONS EMPHASIZED FRENCH INTEREST IN SEEING CLOSER TIES BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. FAURE STRESSED THAT THE RETURN OF DEMOCRACY HERE REPRESENTED A FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT, AND SAID OBSTACLES TO PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY ARE "SIMPLE TECHNICAL" ONES. LISBON PRESS INTERPRETED THIS COMMENT AS A GRACEFUL REFERENCE TO PORTUGAL'S LOW DEGREE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

2. DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL ARRIVED MORNING JUNE 3, SAW PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER, HAD LUNCH WITH SEVERAL OTHER TOP PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT FIGURES AND DEPARTED AFTERNOON SAME DAY FOR THE NETHERLANDS. EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE NOTED BOTH HIS PAST CRITICISM OF, AND CURRENT HIGHLY VISIBLE SUPPORT FOR, PORTUGAL. VAN DER STOEL REPEATED PREVIOUS THEMES (REFTEL) OF DUTCH SUPPORT FOR PORTUGAL'S INTERNAL DEMOCRATIZATION AND EXTERNAL DECOLONIZATION PROCESSES.

3. ALTHOUGH VAN DER STOEL SAID NOTHING SUBSTANTIVELY NEW, HIS LISBON COMMENTS (AND INTENSE SCHEDULE) INDICATE STRONG INTEREST BY BOTH PARTIES IN WARMER BILATERAL RELATIONS. BOTH HE AND FONMIN SOARES SPOKE OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND THE COMMUNITY, WITH VAN DER STOEL PLEDGING TO REPORT IMPRESSIONS GAINED ON THIS TRIP TO HIS EC COLLEAGUES. SOARES SPOKE (IN ABSENCE OF AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE) OF THE CREATION OF A PLAN FOR ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL HELP FROM THE EC TO SPEED-UP PORTUGUESE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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4. COMMENT: THESE VISITS PROMOTE THE IMAGE, ALONG WITH SUBSTANCE, OF CLOSE COOPERATION WITH EUROPE. MORE IMPORTANTLY IN DOMESTIC POLITICAL TERMS, THEY DEMONSTRATE THAT NEW PORTUGUESE REGIME HAS GAINED INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE, EVEN, IN CASE VAN DER STOEL, FROM FORMER CRITICS OF PORTUGAL.

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